coal to J&K for the last two years are as follows:

(Figures in tonnes)

	1983-84	1984-85
Cement Plant	33,000	27,000
Textile Rayon	1,000	—
Soft Coke	1,000	1,000
Hard Coke	3,000	7,000
Other Industries	26,000	50,000
	64,000	85,000

(b) and (c) Coal supplies to Brick Kiln Units is generally of grades D, E, F, and Washery Grades III & IV. These units have the option to select any of these grades and lift coal from any of the collieries specified for the supply of such grades of coal. Recently, collieries producing better grade coal have also been included for supply to BRK units. After having detailed discussions with All India Brick and Tile Manufacturers' Federation, CIL have agreed to load 15 rakes for Brick Kiln Units from Jharia field subject to the concurrence of the Railways for this movement.

Chamera Project to cost more

721. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared on P. 1, Cols. 2—5 of the Economic Times dated 27th December, 1985 under the heading "Chamera Project to cost more"; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to check this?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has been drawn to the report under the heading "Chamera project to cost Govt. dear." The report does not reflect correctly the factual position in regard to the project.

Awarding of HBJ gas pipeline contract

722. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Secretaries set up by Government to reevaluate the award of the contract for the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur gas pipeline project in Gujarat is likely to submit its report before the deadline in April, 1986 for the commencement of the project;

(b) what are the particulars of the various consortia which are being considered for the award of the contract;

(c) the criteria which are being kept in view while awarding the contract;

(d) whether the advantage of giving a substantial role to Indian Communication Limited, ICI and Dodsal in the manufacture of various critical items for the project, is also being kept in view;

(e) whether any final decision to award the contract has so far been taken if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(f) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The Committee has submitted its report.

(b) Bids in complete shape for the HBJ Pipeline have been received from four consortia. The leaders of these consortia are SPIE CAPAG, CONDUX, SNAMPROGETTI and NOVA CORP.